
Subject: Re: Record Day on IDL Newsgroup
Posted by [davidf](#) on Mon, 31 Jul 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Chip Sample (sample@idcomm.com) writes:

> Seems like a bunch of this traffic is wish-list related. Maybe IDL users
> are hopeful but unsatisfied.

Uh, Chip, this is *WAY* off topic!!!!

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say that all that talk earlier
this week about the stripper was just a joke. :-(

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In article <MPG.13efd395610df6a9989b90@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com
(David Fanning) wrote:

> Folks,
>
> I just counted up the posts on the IDL newsgroup today.
> A new record, at over 40!!!
>
> I noticed that 52.35% were completely off topic,
> including 98.7% of mine. :-(
>

> I just want you to know I can't keep up anymore.
> (I really am getting too old.) I'm going to cease
> and desist.
>
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> David
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Martin Schultz (martin.schultz@dkrz.de) writes:

> Perhaps we should rename the newsgroup to comp.lang.idl-poetry.

Here is the first truly inspired suggestion we have
had this week. It has already clawed itself to number
3 on the list. :-)

> PS: couldn't David just send in 100 wishes and say it was a typo ?

Another good idea. I have never been much good at following
RSI's directions anyway, so it has good deniability. :-)

But no matter how many items make the official "list",
I do want you to know that I have evidence RSI is paying
attention. They may not act on every suggestion (I'm
pretty sure IDL is not going to go the Open Source
route), but they have certainly read every suggestion.

And I, for one, have been impressed with how little
whining and carping have been in the suggestions.
Surely that counts for something, too. When people
care enough about your software to take the time to
make suggestions for how it can be improved, it suggests
you are on the right track. It is total silence
that is most ominous.

I'll be visiting RSI, list in hand, soon. But I

say "Good Job!" to all of you who have submitted your ideas.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I knew Mark could write wonderful programs, I just didn't know he was that poetic. Next we will hear he is a former member of the All Blacks. :-)

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Mark Hadfield wrote:

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> And so the IDLers, weary from their day of frantic posting, go to their
> beds.
>
> "Oh I wish, I *wish*," they say to themselves, "that *my* wish makes David's
> top 10." And in the small hours when dark thoughts arise they will think, "I
> hope, I *hope* that there *will* be a top 10. Surely David would never let
> us down." For, as a very wise man has said, "IDL users are ever hopeful but
> never satisfied."
>
> And on the other side of the world, where people are getting ready to go to
> their homes in the winter evening, a few persistent souls notice that a calm
> has descended on comp.lang.idl-pvwave.
>
> ---
> Mark Hadfield
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Fortunately,

Europe has a six hour head start wrt to the US -- I always enjoy the off-and-on-topics

first thing in the morning...

Very nice, Mark.

Cheers,
Martin

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